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In re Patent No. 6,974,361 :  
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Application No. 09/920,472 : **ON PETITION**  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed April 13, 2006, requesting issuance of duplicate Letters Patent for the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Since it is Patent and Trademark Office practice to assure mailing of all papers on the date indicated, there is a strong presumption that papers duly addressed and indicated as mailed, such as the Letters Patent in this application, are timely delivered to the addressee. To overcome this presumption, a verified statement with supporting evidence, such as any records which would disclose the receipt of other correspondence mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on or about December 13, 2005, but fail to disclose receipt of the Letters Patent mailed on that date, should be promptly submitted. Further, copies of records on which receipt of the Letters Patent would have been entered had it been received are required.

However, if the loss of the Letters Patent was not the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office or if petitioner simply wishes to avoid overcoming the above-noted presumption, a renewed petition may be filed under 37 CFR 1.182 **accompanied by a petition fee of \$400** requesting duplicate Letters Patent. Upon receipt of the petition and required fee, the request for a duplicate Letters patent will be granted.

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